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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	10/090,155
	Filing Date	March 5, 2002
	Examiner Name	H. Lilling
	First Named Inventor	Kohei ODA <i>et al.</i>
	Group Art Unit	1651
	Attorney Docket Number	32290-178954

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment & Submission Under Rule 114  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of THREE (3) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii. ☒ Other (Any deficit)

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Kohei ODA *et al.*

Application No. 10/090,155

Filed: March 5, 2002

For: METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLY-  
ESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC  
MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION  
METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICRO-  
ORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF  
DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: H. Lilling

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**AMENDMENT (SUBMISSION UNDER RULE 114) AND  
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted under Rule 114, and is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Request for Suspension of 3 Months.

A petition for a two-month extension of time is lodged, the fee for which should be charged to this firm's Deposit Account No. 22-0261. Should any additional fees be required, they, too, should be charged to the deposit account.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Please amend the application as follows:

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